



Lamoine Consolidated School

March 24, 2006

NO SCHOOL REMINDER

Friday, March 31 – Union 92In-Service Day

WRESTLING NEWS

7th grader Duncan Haass has had a busy winter of competitive wrestling under the banner of the Ellsworth Middle and High School programs. He finished the regular season with an 11 win 2 loss record. This past weekend, he placed 3rd in the Eastern Maine Regional Tournament at the 155 lb. weight classification. This Saturday, he will be competing at the state meet in Rumford. Good Luck Duncan!

“TASTES OF LAMOINE”

COOKBOOKS

The "Tastes of Lamoine" cookbooks are in and they look AWESOME! Cookbooks will be on sale at Town Meeting on March 8th. Cookbooks are also available for purchase in the office at school during the school day. Cost is \$8.00 per book. Purchase extras, these will make great gifts!!

MUSIC EVENTS

State Jazz Festival at Houlton High School on March 25th – the bus leaves Lamoine at 6:00 a.m.

4TH – 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Here is the schedule of games for the 4th – 6th grade basketball that Stuart Branch has put together. Games are at Ellsworth Middle School.

Monday – March 27th

Lamoine 1 plays at 5:30 against Ellsworth 1

Lamoine 2 plays at 6:30 against Ellsworth 4

Playoffs start Thursday, March 30th

SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP

There will be a self-defense, awareness and prevention workshop at Lamoine School on Saturday, April 8th. Grades K – 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Grades 5-8 at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Adults (grades 9 and up) 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

The fee is \$3 and all proceeds will be donated to the Lamoine Patrons. This workshop will be conducted by Nathan and Becky Mason of Eastern Maine Karate. For more information please contact them at 667-2219 or 461-7250.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten screening for Lamoine School will be held on Thursday, May 4th. Any child 5 years old by Oct. 15th is eligible to register. Please call the school at 667-8578 to register your child.

PATRONS NEWS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

It's the start of something good! The 1st Family Movie Night will be held Friday, March 24th in the gym from 6:00p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Bring a pillow, sleeping bag, bean bag, whatever, but get comfy! Join us for Wallace and Gromit, The Case of The Were-Rabbit. Admission only \$1 and concessions will be on sale. Children in grades 4 or under MUST be accompanied by an adult. Run Time is 85 minutes, please pick kids up by 7:45 p.m. Sponsored by Lamoine PATRONS.

SPRING FLING DANCE

DJ Bill Da Butler will be back Friday, March 31st to play your music from 6:30-9:30 at the Spring Fling Dance. Open to all Union 92 students 5th-8th grade. Admission \$4, concessions will be on sale. Sponsored by Lamoine PATRONS, volunteers needed!

FLATTOP 5K

Please come and celebrate the memory of Bill Pinkham by running or walking in the Flattop 5K. The date is Saturday, April 1st – the time is 9:30 for walkers and 10:00 for runners – the place is Lamoine Consolidated School. Participants will be bussed to the Lamoine State Park for the start of the race. Cost is \$6 registration fee to benefit the Bill Pinkham Scholarship Fund. Please come early to register or 30 minutes before to sign in. Registration forms are available at the school office or the Town office. For more information contact Robin Emery at 667-9219 or Connie Wallace at 667-3149. Volunteers are needed to help out with the water stop, both children and adults are welcome to help. Please contact Connie if you are able to volunteer.

JINA'S GYM BENEFIT DANCE

There will be a Jina's Gym fundraiser dance held on Saturday, May 20th at the Elks Lodge – Ellsworth from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. The Gary Mitchell Band will be providing the music. We will need the following list of food items donated. Chips, dip, nachos, cheese, carrots, celery, cookies, bars, crackers & cheese, punch items. Please call Linda Eaton at 667-3413 or email her at lkaryl@verizon.net or Enid Neleski at 667-8824 if you can help in any way.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair comes to Lamoine School April 10 - 14. If you would like to help with the fair, please contact Robin Veysey in the Library.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

With the rising tuition rates and more students taking out loans to further their education, there has been much concern that college may not be a wise investment. A recent study should allay such fears.

Two economists, Lisa Barrow of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Cecilia Elena Rouse of Princeton University, found that the average college graduate will recoup the costs of their education in just 10 years of receiving their degree. That is a fairly quick return on investment, they conclude in an article in "Economists' Voice," published by the Berkeley Electronic Press.

The economists also point out that in today's economy slowly raising wages trump tuition increases in making college a good buy. To calculate the true cost of a college education, they figure in not just tuition and fees but also wages that are forgone during the four years that a college student could have

been working rather than attending classes.

Tuition and fees in 2003 averaged \$7,091. Subtracting out the average amount of grant aid received by students, the average cost was \$5,558 a year. Adding in forgone wages, the total cost for a four-year college education comes to just over \$107,000, a large sum of money for sure.

But that's only half the picture. That college graduate will earn more than \$400,000 than if they'd only finished high school. So, the net value of his or her college degree would be nearly \$300,000, about three times the cost of the college education.

Chris Farrell, a contributing editor at Business Week, offers further evidence that college costs aren't unbearable in a recent edition of the magazine. The percentage of a college graduate's income that goes to paying off student loans has remained fairly stable—at about 7 percent—since 1993. Student loan default rates have dropped from 22 percent in 1990 to 4.5 percent last year.

The future also bright for soon-to-be college graduates. After five years of stagnant wages, salaries are on the rise, according to a survey by the National Association of Colleges & Employers. And, companies say they plan to hire nearly 15 percent more college graduates than they did last year.

Mr. Farrell's advise: "Take out student loans and get a college diploma. It's an investment that pays off over a lifetime—financially, socially, and intellectually."